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'Yonkers Billion' In **Development is Real**



A rendering of RXR-Rising Development's Larkin Plaza project.

By Dan Murphy

The City of Yonkers has seen an economic boom over the past four years, due in part to the national economic recovery and the increased development and expansion, from New York City to its outer boroughs and the suburbs.

Critics of the recent announcement that the city has \$1 billion in development projects planned or underway include Republican mayoral candidate Bill Nuckel, who questioned publicly whether the projects are real, and what development has actually occurred.

The city's Generation Yonkers campaign released the following detailed list of projects, which point to real and actual development underway and coming to Yonkers.

Larkin Plaza – \$200 million

Mayor Mike Spano has frequently referred to this development project as "a game changer" Continued on Page 8

A Wildlife Refuge in **Downtown Yonkers!**



Mayor Mike Spano and city officials welcome the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Yonkers and the Saw Mill River at Van der Donck Park. Photo by Donna Davis.

Chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System Cynthia Martinez joined Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, local high school students and Rick Magder, executive director of Groundwork Hudson Valley, last week to designate Yonkers as an Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership city. Only 16 other cities across the U.S. have received this designation by the service - the federal agency that manages America's national wildlife refuges for their significant habitats that protect some of our most important species and provides outdoor recreation opportunities for

This designation for Yonkers, which took place in Van der Donck Park, was made because of the city's sustained commitment, in partnership with Groundwork and the service, to restore the lo-

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City Launches 2nd Phase Of Generation Yonkers



From left are Leo De La Cruz, owner of Le One Fashions; Judith Huntington, president of The College of New Rochelle; Jairo Paredes, operations manager of Mindspark Interactive; Mayor Mike Spano; Peter Kelly, chef and owner of X2O Xaviars on the Hudson; Joe Cotter, president of iPark; and Kelly DeAngelo, refinery manager at American Sugar Refining.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week unveiled the second generation of the Generation Yonkers marketing campaign, a groundbreaking economic development initiative designed to position Yonkers as the next great urban frontier to live, work and play.

The new campaign, which was developed by the Westchester-based advertising agency Thompson and Bender, features testimonials from prominent business leaders whose companies have recently moved to Yonkers, opened new start-ups or expanded their operations in the city. The campaign kicked off last week with ads running for 10 weeks on Cablevision's News 12 to be followed by a print and digital advertising campaign.

As confirmation of the success of the original Generation Yonkers campaign launched last year, Spano announced last week at X20 Xaviars on the Hudson Restaurant that Yonkers currently has more than \$1 billion in commercial and residential

projects under development. He was joined at the Continued on Page 8

Controlling Taxes Is Key



Mayor Mike Spano discusses the importance of controlling property taxes with residents.

Staying within the state-mandated property tax cap has always been a good idea, but it's become even more critical in the past two years. That's because the state government has linked a municipality's success in staying within the cap to rebate checks that are mailed out in the fall.

Fortunately, Yonkers taxpayers qualified for those checks last year, and should qualify again this year because we have kept property tax increases to within the cap. In fact, we've done so for all four budgets I have presented.

Staying below the cap will be increasingly difficult going forward because the cap is getting smaller with the decrease in inflation. Next year the cap will be less than 1 percent, and I'm predicting more local governments than ever in New York

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Council Reps. Skip Astorino **Endorsement of Nuckel** Bipartisan Cooperation in Yonkers



County Executive Rob Astorino with Yonkers mayoral candidate Bill Nuckel .

By Dan Murphy

Last week, County Executive Rob Astorino stopped by Yonkers to endorse the Republican candidate for mayor, Bill Nuckel.

"At the county level, we've cut property taxes and reduced the size of the budget, and as a result the private sector has responded by investing in Westchester with the creation of more than 30,000 new jobs," said Astorino, the top Republican in Westchester – and perhaps New York State. "The same thing can happen for Yonkers if we have a leader who is focused on making government

smarter and more efficient. Bill Nuckel will make protecting Yonkers taxpayers his number one pri-

"I'm honored to have the support of County Executive Astorino in my campaign," said Nuckel. "Taxes and spending have been cut at the county level, yet Mayor Spano raised property taxes 10 percent, increased the personal income and sales taxes, and increased spending by \$127 million. Even with state bailouts and abusing his own taxpayers, the city is still a fiscal mess and will only

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Yonkers is Hungry for The Return of YoFi Fest

By Mara Der Hovanesian

YoFi Fest will kick off its third annual film festival with a winning combo that's literally as good as pastrami on rye.

Opening night of the four-day film event features "Deli Man," a new documentary by Brooklyn-based Director Erik Greenberg Anjou that chronicles the disappearance of traditional Jewish delicatessens across the country, and the largerthan-life characters who run

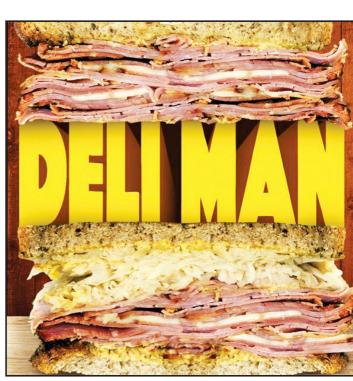
Moviegoers will not only get to meet some of the colorful deli owners who appeared in the film, but also sample some of the best deli food New York has to offer in an authentic pastrami sandwich throw-

"There are very few

of us left; we're a dying breed," said Ronnie Dragoon, 67, founder of Ben's Restaurant Group, which opened its first Westchester County location in Scarsdale earlier this year - its seventh in the

and tongue, has a cameo appearance in the film

metropolitan area since 1972. Dragoon, who pickles his own corned beef



'Deli Man' will be the opening night feature at YoFi Fest.

and will be on hand opening night as a pastrami

In the tradition of all film festivals, YoFi Fest encourages audiences and filmmakers to connect and converse at screenings, workshops and after parties. That's akin to the great tradition of kosher and Jewish delis, said Dragoon, who described

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Habitat Launches First Armed Forces Build



West Point cadets, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Westchester, in Yonkers.

Habitat for Humanity of Westchester kicked off its first Armed Forces Build-A-Thon in Yonkers on Oct. 2.

Sixty West Point army cadets joined Habitat in making dreams become reality, and Habitat of Westchester had hundreds of volunteers from General Electric, Argus, Goodwin Proctor, Verizon and many more helping out. Various companies have also gotten involved by sponsoring the various builds for this event.

"This is an amazing week," said Executive Director Jim Killoran. "Every veteran should have a home and a job; we work to that end."

Habitat of Westchester also recently hosted its annual Build-A-Vet a Home golf tournament at the Bronxville Country Club.

Of the homes being worked on during this weeklong event, one will belong to Ivan Arroyo, a Yonkers resident for more than 40 years and a veteran who served in Afghanistan. Ar-

royo, a family man for 28 years, wants nothing more than for his family to feel safe in and around their home.

Arroyo is still active, as he is a member of the National Guard Reserves.

"Not being able to sit outside my door with my family was stressful," he told Habitat. "We had to go to parks just to get have freedom, or jump in the car to get away from the environment. Giving the opportunity to have a Habitat house would be a blessing for my family and a dream come true."

Habitat for Humanity of Westchester also has a strong Young Veteran's Club that continues to grow and continues to help build affordable homes for those in need. The club will most certainly be involved throughout the week.

For more information, contact Killoran or follow Habitat on Twitter @habitatwc and on Facebook.

Riverfront Library Hosts Art Workshop



YoHo Artists Diane Mitchell, foreground, and Marko Gosar work with participants in "The Temperament of Space at Yonkers." Photos by Danica Dsouza.



Diane Mitchell oversees work by participants in the workshop, held at Riverfront Public

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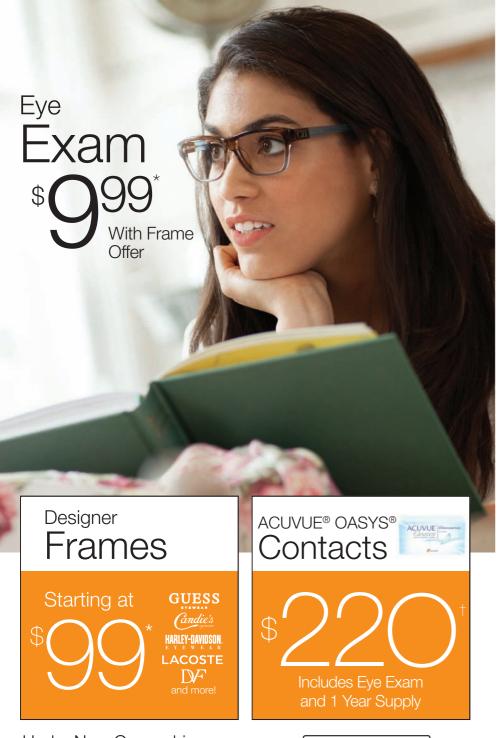
YOHO artists Diane Mitchell and Marko Gosar were selected by Hudson River Museum and GroundsworksHV, Yonkers, to participate in the National Endowment for the Arts' "Our Towns" grant, with their art project "The Temperament of Space at Yonkers."

On four evenings over a period of one month, Mitchell, who is a professor in the School of Media Studies at the New School, and Gosar, a photographer, with support from graduate students, conducted free two-hour workshops to engage local participants in the

creation of a multimedia presentation of Yon-kers

Participants have documented activities in Yonkers, as well as asked residents to join in their artistic productions. The workshops included editing their pictures into montages and demonstrating interactive soundscapes.

The work will be shown to the public in the form of projected installation of video, photography, sound and poetry Oct. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Riverfront Public Library.



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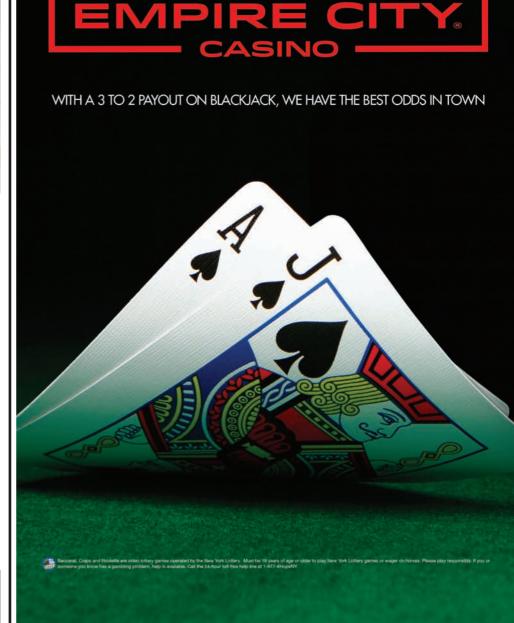
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SLC Dedicates New Lab & Field Station at Beczak



Karen Lawrence, president of Sarah Lawrence College, and Mayor Mike Spano.

State and city officials, along with donors and friends of the Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak, gathered Sept. 16 at the environmental education and research center to formally open a recently constructed environmental sciences laboratory and

With new real-time river monitoring equipment and a lab outfitted for the study of urban ecosystems that can test samples of water and soil, CURB has expanded the capability of the center, joining with other research centers up and down the Hudson River to contribute to body of scientific data needed to monitor and restore the health of the river.

Joining college officials and donors Vicki and Si Ford of Bronxville, and Barbara Cohn of Manhattan, were Mayor Mike Spano, State Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assemblymember Shelley Mayer and City Council members Christopher Johnson and Michael Sabatino. Also in attendance were City Commissioner of Planning and Development Wilson Kimball and Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Michael Yazurlo.

"With our neighbors and collaborators, the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club and Groundwork Hudson Valley - and now Riverkeeper – we are building a vital water testing program, involving students from the college, local high schools and community volunteers as citizen scientists," said College President Karen Lawrence. "Some of these efforts were put in place before Sarah Lawrence took over management of the center, but now, with our new lab, for the first time the testing can take place right here in downtown Yonkers.

"I want to express my gratitude for the support we have received from the City of Yonkers and Westchester County," she continued. "Together with our public officials, our civic leaders and our partner organizations we will bring Yonkers to the forefront of sustainable, livable

YPD Offers \$5K Reward For Michael Nolan Killer

Yonkers native, Saunders High School graduate and baseball star Michael Nolan gave up his battle to live after being shot last month. Nolan, 23, had a promising future and was drafted by the Oakland A's in Major League Baseball.

"On behalf of the entire A's organization, I send my deepest condolences to Donna and Jimmy Nolan," said General Manager Billy Beane." Michael will always be a member of the A's family, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends for their tragic loss."

His shooting, while in the parking lot of a Burger King on Central Avenue at 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 18, is a tragedy and underscores the problems of violence and guns in our country. The Yonkers Police Department has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Nolan's shooter.

Witnesses have told the YPD that a vehicle drove by and fired five or six shots in Nolan's

Anyone with information is urged to call the YPD Detective Division at 914-377-7725. All calls will remain confidential. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can also text the key word YPD and the tip to 847411.



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This, Too, is Red Lights, **Elections and Target**

By Eric W. Schoem

Red light cameras. Nothing upsets Yonkersites more than those three words. Except maybe the mention of water bills. How many Yonkers homeowners have received out-of-control water bills over the last year as the city tries to play catchup for years of being penny wise and pound foolish by not sending out city employees to read water meters?

As we approach Election Day, it is important that

voters know how the candidates' stand on the continuation of these cameras that brought close to \$5 million into the City of Yonkers' coffers in 2013. There were 97,000 - yes, 97,000 - tickets issued in 2013. And the most interesting words on signage at intersections with red light cameras by current Mayor Mike Spano.

Whenever I write about red light cameras, I always get the question: Who is responsible for

A little background: The City Council passed a home rule message to the state requesting the devices. State legislators usually support and introduce legislation in the State Legislature on items in which they have received home rule messages from local legislators; they don't have to but, they The final approval for red light cameras is in

the hands of the governor, in this case Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Then, depending on the number of cameras approved by the Legislature, the city contracts with private firms to set up the cameras and run the red light camera program. The lobbyist that advocates for red light camera companies in Albany also has done lobbying

work for the City of Yonkers. Nice work if you can get it! New Jersey ended its red light camera program, as did 80 municipalities across the country. The cameras are supposed to be for safety,

but as my friend and fellow talk show host Mount Vernon Mayor Ernie Davis will tell you, the money the cameras generate comes in pretty handy in municipal budgets, too. Mount Vernon introduced cameras and just

like Philadelphia, they have signs at the approach to intersections with red light cameras alerting motorists to their existence. Theory is that if the signs stop motorists from running red lights, they are as effective as the \$50 a ticket, and at 97,000 tickets, that's close to \$5 million in revenue-generating

I asked the mayoral and City Council candidates three questions: Are you in favor of the continuation of the red light camera program in Yonkers? Do you support the posting of signs at the intersections with red light cameras alerting motorists to their existence? Any other thoughts on

Mayor Mike Spano said he supports the continuation of the program and the posting of signs at the intersections with red light cameras alerting motorists to their existence. Yes, to my first question, I expected from our good mayor - but support for signage at the intersections with the cameras alerting motorists to their existence? This is something I have been advocating for via these columns. That coming from the mayor shocked me so I double-checked the "yes" answer with the mayor's campaign manager, Euthimios Theototakos, not once but twice.

For space purposes I have had to edit the candidates' responses with the hope of presenting



to you the gist of their positions. Republican mayoral candidate William Knuckel supports the program and signage at the intersections where cameras are installed. Knuckel also supports no left turn signs posted in visible places and references the signage at Lockwood Avenue and Saw Mill River Road as not good. He also supports installing cameras for speeding, which are something less controversial than red light cameras.

Fifth District Councilman Mike Breen supports the continuation of the red light cameras. He claims it has made a difference at Central Avenue and Arlington Street, an area he claims had the highest number of motor vehicle accidents in the county. Breen commented that the red light cameras have become a crime-fighting tool for the Yonkers Police Department and provide revenue to the city with minimum expense.

He would seek out the Yonkers traffic engineer's opinion on more signage.

Seeing all the awful and inconsiderate drivers on the road today, Breen's way to solve Yonkers' budget woes is to ticket every driver in Yonkers who passes a stopped school bus!

Breens' opponent, Cliff Schneider, is not in favor of the red light camera program. He said he believes drivers should be informed of their locations. He has not yet received a ticket from one (much to his amazement) but is sure he will. He asks if the city has documented that these lights have done any good other than bring much-needed funds to the City of Hills?

Not that this writer is aware of!

Third District Councilman Michael Sabatino said he believes red light cameras "increase the safety of us all." Sabatino said that what might need to be adjusted is the length of the yellow light transition to provide enough warning before the light turns red. He said he thinks more people need to look at this as a safety issues rather than a "gotcha moment."

Michael Meyer is running against Sabatino, and his response was blunt. He is against red light cameras, and supports better signage posted as drivers approach a red light camera, and yellow lights with count downs. His thought on the red light camera program? "It's tax gimmick," he said.

First District Councilman Christopher Johnson is running unopposed this November. He is not a fan of posting signage at intersections, and said that although it is mostly a money generator, he believes it can cause safer driving. He has become more cautious at all intersections because he is not sure if there is a camera there (although he knows several of the locations from driving past

I hope he realizes that to the credit of the City of Yonkers, they post the red light locations on the city website. Johnson would like to see data showing if there are less (perhaps just less serious) accidents at the locations with cameras. If so, he thinks the program is worth it.

And so, dear Yonkersites, you have the facts on the red light camera program and the positions of the candidates running for office in November. Vote early and often! And may the best man (sadly no women are running) win!

Target Update

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Fire Department Begins Hydrant Flushing Inspections

last week the start of its annual fire hydrant inspections throughout the city. Yonkers fire-fighters are expected to conduct the inspections in a span of approximately three months, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The program is designed to test the city's 4,280 fire hydrants to ensure they are working properly, have proper pressure and can function effectively in the event of a fire.

"October is Fire Prevention Month so it's extremely timely that we begin our annual hydrant inspections now," said Mayor Mike Spano. "While our residents educate themselves about fire prevention efforts, our fire department will be doing its part to ensure fire prevention and response preparation throughout the city, including hydrant inspections."

While the inspections take place, residents can expect to see fire trucks and crews of fire-fighters identifying hydrants on their streets,

and opening the hydrants and flowing water during the testing procedure. While the inspections occur, residents may experience fluctuations in water pressure and discolored water, due to a disruption of the water system from opening and closing the hydrants.

Robo-calls will be sent to residents alerting them when the department will be in their area and may affect their water service.

To prevent laundry staining, it is recommended that residents avoid doing laundry during the hours of inspection; once cold water runs clear it is safe to run laundry. In the event that laundry is ruined, residents are encouraged to contact the Yonkers Water Bureau at 914-377-6765 to obtain "Red-B-Gone" stain remover at no cost.

Residents are encouraged to check the city website at www.yonkersny.gov for the most updated information. Residents can also contact the mayor's helpline at 914-377-HELP (4357) for additional questions or concerns.

Green Appointed Deputy Commissioner of IT

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced last week the appointment of Cheryl Green to the position of deputy commissioner for the Department of Information Technology for the city. Confirmed by the Yonkers City Council on Sept. 29, Green is the first African-American deputy commissioner for the department.

Green currently serves as a business systems analyst for the IT department, a position she's held since 2005.

"I am confident in choosing Cheryl as deputy commissioner for our IT department," said Spano. "Her dedication to her craft, work ethic and her intense knowledge in the field makes her the obvious choice for the job. She is the embodiment of a city leader and I wish her well in this new role."

Green joined the City of Yonkers in 1996 as help desk manager in the IT department, where she provided coverage to computer operations, disseminated work orders and studied operations, procedures and policies. In 1999, she was promoted to client support manager, where she was responsible for installing hardware, troubleshooting problems within the network and providing support to end users.

Green later took on the role of business

systems analyst, a position she held from 2005 to present day. She was tasked with facilitating and coordinating the implementation of computer systems for the city, and also assisted with the preparation of the annual department budget, recommended the purchase of new equipment and researched options to determine the feasibility of implementing new technology to all city departments.

Green holds an associate's degree in business administration from Westchester Community College, a bachelor's of business administration in management information systems from Baruch College, and is currently completing a master's degree in human resource management from Mercy College.

She will serve as deputy commissioner under the direction of Commissioner Bob Cacace.

The Department of Information Technology manages, supports and coordinates the information needs of all the City of Yonkers' agencies through the cost-effective use of technology. It is tasked with establishing cost-effective and efficient information and business solutions for all city departments and agencies, enabling more effective delivery of services to the residents of the City of Yonkers.

Empire City Hosting Walk to Cure Diabetes

Last week, the 10 greatest trotters in the world were on the historic Yonkers Raceway oval for the revival of the Yonkers International Trot. And this Sunday, Oct. 18, the great field behind the starting gate will be much larger – 2,000 strong – on the track for an important international cause, the "Walk to Cure Diabetes."

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway Vice President and COO Bob Galterio's daughter Cara was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 9, and the longtime executive immediately was compelled to take action to fight the disease.

So, "Cure for Cara" was born. That was 15 years ago, and on Oct. 18, several thousand Empire City employees, volunteers and participants will gather to take action in the Walk to Cure Diabetes for JDRF. Galterio will serve as captain of the "Cure for Cara" team.

Cara is now 25, and will be married later

Registration opens at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 10 a.m. The fundraising goal for the chapter is to raise nearly \$545,000 for research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

To register now to participate, sponsor the event or build a walk team, or for more information, visit walk.jdrf.org/westchester or call the JDRF Westchester County Chapter at 914-

686-7700

"It is so important to be working alongside JDRF on such an important goal – curing a disease in which 80 people are diagnosed with every day," said Galterio, host of the Yonkers' Walk. "JDRF's Walk to Cure Diabetes is a morning full of celebration, community and families gathering together to support their loved ones with type 1 diabetes."

In addition to widespread corporate support, entire families from kids to grandparents take part in the fundraising efforts of the Walk to Cure Diabetes – many affected themselves by the disease. However, even those who are not among the 17 million Americans who have diabetes, or the 100 million Americans with a personal connection to the disease, will still come out to support the cause.

At the walk, there will be games, vendor booths, food and most of all fun!

"JDRF is immensely appreciative of Empire City's participation," said Executive Director Margie Ostrower. "This is corporate citizenship at its finest. The commitment of Bob Galterio and his employees enables us to accelerate research to find a cure for diabetes. Insulin is not a cure, merely life support for the estimated 3 million Americans suffering from type 1 diabetes and its complications. Research is the only answer."

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Yonkers Police Citizen Academy Starts New Class



Lt. Richard R. Ruyack Jr., left, and Sgt. Peter Scully from Yonkers Police Department at the Police Civilian Academy.

By Phil Foley

Twenty one citizens have made a 12-week commitment to take the 2015 Yonkers Police Citizen Academy Class.

This course started Sept. 23 and will run through Dec. 10, which will also be graduation day. Note that this writer has also signed up for the course that is being given by Lt. Richard Ruyack Jr., executive officer of the Yonkers Police Department Training Division

Since I have signed up for the course, we have had two training class sessions. It reminds me a lot of my college days, almost like taking a three-credit class. My Uncle Edward McEnery was a sergeant on the YPD and I have always had nothing but total respect for the department. (In the coming weeks I will update you on the course and let you know what I have learned.)

So far the course has taught me what a tough job a police officer on patrol has. For example, what a police officer sees many times is not pleasant. From a psychological point of view, it is a tough way to spend a career. It is tough to adjust from a brutal day on the job and go home to a normal family life.

The second session offered us a lesson on penal laws and the laws of arrest. The most interesting part of the session was when Sgt. Peter Scully taught us when both force and deadly force can be used.

With the use of video we learned how little time an officer has to make the decision to use force to protect himself from being injured or, God forbid, even killed. Basically, an officer has only two seconds to make up his mind about any situation at any given time or give the advantage to the suspect. This, of course, is the pressure-packed portion of a police officer's job – one the public has to understand.

What can a citizen gain from this experience? Increased communication and interaction between the Yonkers Police Department and the community it serves; dispel misconceptions between the roles, responsibilities and activities of the YPD; provide participants with the basic understanding of police powers and limitations; familiarize the participants with the dangers, difficulties and ambiguities inherent to police work; foster a citizen-police partnership to combat crime and develop a safer community; and an opportunity to go on a YPD ride along.

If you would like to take part in the next class, which will held at the same time next year, look for the information about it in Yonkers Rising or go on the Yonkers Police Department website at www.YonkersPD.com. Believe me, it is a great experience.

Yonkers PBA to Host Oktoberfest Fundraiser

The Yonkers Police Benevolence Association will host its first Oktobeerfest on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Yonkers Brewing Co., 92 Main St., featuring live German music, food and a selection of beers.

For \$60, attendees get the food, music, a

commemorative glass beer mug and five beers. You can also opt for a non-drinker entrance fee of \$40, which gets you the music, food and commemorative glass beer mug.

All proceeds will go to the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers.

Nine High-Schoolers Earn Service Award

County Executive Robert Astorino recently announced that nine Westchester students – from Byram Hills, Irvington, Mamaroneck, Rye and Yonkers high schools – have been selected as recipients of the Westchester County Youth Board's 2015 Milly Kibrick Youth Service Awards for their outstanding service to their local communities.

The awards will be presented at a dinner Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Davenport Club, 400 Davenport Ave., New Rochelle.

The winners are Ariel Milewicz of Armonk, who attends Byram Hills High School; Madison Carelli and Connor Winton of Irvington High School; Jack Phillips of Larchmont, who attends Mamaroneck High School; Lauren Dempsey and Hannah Stacks of Rye High School; Nicole Amoako of Yonkers, who attends Roosevelt High School of Early College Studies; Theodore Kim of Yonkers Middle/High School; and Akash Shroff of Yonkers, who attends Saunders Trade

and Technical High School.

"Milly Kibrick selflessly devoted her life to helping underprivileged children and made a lasting impact in Westchester County," said Astorino. "Even at a young age, this year's honorees have already touched many lives and I offer them my congratulations. I know we will continue to hear from them in the years ahead."

The Milly Kibrick Youth Service Awards are given in memory of Milly Kibrick, a prominent county social worker and youth activist who dedicated her life to helping underprivileged children. During her career and in retirement, she was the quintessential social worker, social entrepreneur, volunteer and political activist, pursuing social and economic justice for children of all ages.

The aim of the Youth Board's awards program is to recognize high school seniors who have been involved in building a flourishing, strong and compassionate community through individual efforts and actions.

Open Invitation to Singers

Singers of all levels are invited to take part in singing Verdi's "Requiem" on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Road. It is expected the concert will have more than 100 performers. Choir rehearsals will commence Oct. 22, and continue every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir of the Reformed Church will be enlarged by numerous guest choristers from the surrounding communities, and be under

the leadership of Dr. Sandor Szabo, organist and director of music at The Reformed Church. Szabo has performed and conducted in major concert halls and cathedrals in Europe and throughout North America.

The orchestra will feature professional musicians from the tri-state area.

The concert is free and all are welcome. For more information, call 914-337-6776 or visit www.reformedchurch.org.



On This Day in Yonkers History...



Fola La Follette, middle, and Rose Livingston, right, show their support for a 14-year-old striker in 1913.

By Mary Hoar President Emerita2, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, Oct. 19

Oct. 19, 1915: New York banker Thomas Hamden Rhoades pleaded guilty to charges of speeding...over the phone. Judge Beall reserved the decision on the fine he would impose until Rhoades appeared in Yonkers court.

Oct. 19, 1915: At an election meeting of 1,500 women's suffragists in Philipsburgh Hall, Republican mayoral candidate Gideon Peck declared the "morale of the body politic" would rise when women got the right to vote. His opponent, Mayor Lennon, and alderman candidate Thomas Brogan also addressed the crowd. Keynote speaker was Fola LaFollette, actress and daughter of Wisconsin Sen. Progressive Republican Robert LaFollette; her mother was lawyer and suffrage activist leader Bell Case LaFollette.

Fola was part of the "mink brigade," a group of wealthy women who supported a woman's right to vote, lending the weight of their social standing to the cause.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Oct. 20, 1899: The fruit store at 78 Riverdale Ave., across the street from the City Hose Company, burst into flames. The fire company got there as soon as the fire bell sounded, quickly followed by Chief Mulcahey and his "regulars." The owner, Samuel Schwartz, and his family lived in the rear of the store; Mrs. Schwartz got out with two children, but two were left behind.

Firemen Farrington, Durney and Lorenz entered the store by a rear window and found the pair overcome by smoke. Lorenz took 6-year-old Anna and handed her to Policeman O'Mara. Farrington also saved the second child, 10-year-old Joe.

Oct. 20, 1906: Police officials reported the receipt of numerous complaints about roller-skating in Yonkers on Sundays, in violation of the Sunday laws.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Oct. 21, 1911: Yielding to the demands of Fire Chief James Mulcahey, the Board of Education voted to place fire extinguishers in the city's schools.

Oct. 21, 1926: Ogden Mills, Republican gubernatorial candidate, addressed 1,800 people at a rally in Columbus Hall. He lost to Alfred E. Smith.

Oct. 21, 1926: Mayor Walsh rapped the architect's plan for the proposed Yonkers Post Office and federal building as "unsightly and homely." He said a building costing nearly \$1 million should be more pretentious than the proposed design.

Thursday, Oct. 22

Oct. 22, 1921: Police were looking for the car thief who stole an automobile owned by L.F. Barnhart. The miscreant drove the car 75 miles and returned it to the Radford Street garage...with both license plates missing.

Oct. 22, 1924: Yonkers traffic officers began using the New York City method to keep track of cars exceeding the parking time limit in the business section. The officers making their rounds chalked the time of arrival on one of the tires. On return rounds, summonses were issued to cars parked overtime.

Oct. 22, 1928: After an investigation into the bad taste of Yonkers water, Water Bureau Superintendent Harry Foley issued a formal order directing the Pyridium Chemical Company of Nepera Park to shut off the outflow of all wastewater and chemical fluids from the plant.

Friday, Oct. 23

Oct. 23, 1911: Cornelius Smith of Warburton Avenue received word that his son Proctor Smith had uncovered a rich find in his gold mine in the Porcupine District of northern Ontario. The younger Smith owned the mine with Col. Lionel Stuart-Weatherly, British vice consul at Nome Alaska.

Oct. 23, 1916: Allan L. Benson of 1 Arthur St., the Socialist candidate for U.S. president, discovered he could not vote in the election. Out of Yonkers campaigning for several weeks, he had not registered to vote.

Saturday, Oct. 24

Oct. 24, 1915: A small riot broke out when Main Street peanut peddlers used their fists to settle the question of who "owned" which cor-



Ogden Mills in 1927. He later became secretary of the treasury for Herbert Hoover's Cabinet.

ner. While one man stated that a woman sold his stand to him, she appeared the next day with six relatives to set up her business within two feet of his cart. The court was kept busy trying to decide who was guilty of assault and who should be charged with disorderly conduct.

Oct. 24, 1918: Official figures for Yonkers' Fourth Liberty Loan campaign showed Yonkers people subscribed to \$5.25 million worth of Liberty Loans, far exceeding the quota of

S3.4 million.

Oct. 24, 1942: Yonkers held a citywide scrap collection for homes and businesses. Forty Army trucks, driven by soldiers and manned by patriotic Yonkers men, picked up scrap metal at the curb in front of homes, apartments and businesses. Boy Scout buglers sounded the call for "scrap" as the trucks drove through the streets.

There also was free removal of auto bumpers at Larkin Plaza from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wooden bumpers were installed in place of the donated metal ones.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Oct. 25, 1920: The Armour Villa Park Association held a meeting to discuss being annexed to the Village of Bronxville. The residents attending the meeting stated that their social and business associations were in Bronxville, and they had no interests in common with the people of "Yonkers proper."

Oct. 25, 1924: A tip that 80 revolvers had been shipped to Yonkers from Philadelphia led to a raid at 8 Herriot St., by a combined force of Yonkers police and New York City detectives, resulting in 25 arrests. Bullets discovered there matched those found at a Corona murder scene, leading authorities to uncover a plot to hide Hip Sing tong gunmen in Yonkers. Questioning the neighbors the next day led police to believe high officials of the tong had visited the Yonkers headquarters the day before the raid.

Four members of the society had openly patrolled the block while two additional men stood guard at the corner of New Main and Herriot, while the special guests conducted business.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, visit www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety, LinkedIn or Twitter @YonkersHistoric. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

Israeli Art Exhibited at Lincoln Park Jewish Center

By Robert Kalfus

Tsfat, a picturesque city in the northern hills of Israel, is well-known as a home to mystics and kabbalists for more than 1,000 years, and more recently as an artists' colony. The Canaan Gallery, based in Tsfat, is bringing an exclusive showing of their artists' work to display for sale at the Lincoln Park Jewish Center.

A free exhibit of art and artists represented by the Canaan Gallery will be available at the center this coming weekend. A pre-show Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 to 10 p.m. will exhibit art from a dozen different Israeli artists and also feature free cheeses from Tsfat, and tastings of wine from the Golan Heights.

The exhibit, featuring fine weaving, Judaica art, jewelry and paintings from the Canaan Gallery artists will continue Sunday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission is free. For more information, visit www.LPJC.org or call 914 965-7119. Lincoln Park Jewish Center is located at 311 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. Ample free parking is available.

School Board Meetings

The Yonkers School Board Policy Committee meeting will meet Monday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. in the board conference room on the fourth floor at One Larkin Center.

Communications from the community will

be heard Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., and the regular Board of Education meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m., at Saunders High School in the Angelo Paradiso Auditorium at 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers.

A Wildlife

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cal environment including the daylighting of the Saw Mill River, buried for decades by a parking lot, creating Van der Donck Park.

"With a majority of Americans living in urban communities, it's important that we expand beyond our national wildlife refuges to create a lasting connection between young people, urban residents and the great outdoors," said Martinez. "The service's urban conservation program provides opportunities for people to experience nature where they live and better connect them with these special places. With dedicated partners, our goal to bring wildlife conservation into cities is sustainable and attainable, as we see here in Yonkers."

Groundwork Hudson Valley has led the partnership with the USFWS.

"We have been working closely with the city and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for many years, and this designation dramatically highlights our success in creating real habitat in an urban area that is federally recognized as significant," said Magder. "At the same time, we are training a new wave of conservationists who will protect these valuable resources here in Yonkers and at our nation's wildlife refuges over the next generation."

Groundwork Hudson Valley will receive a \$30,000 grant from the Five Star Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, which is administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, to support jobs for young people to engage in handson conservation work in the city, preparing them for potential careers in conservation, and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for Yonkers residents.

Projects include continued restoration of the Saw Mill River and the creation and restoration of small nature parks and trails in neighborhoods in southwest Yonkers and throughout the lower Hudson Valley.

"The award-winning daylighting of the Saw

Mill River shows that environment restoration and economic development go hand and hand," said Spano. "The project has transformed our city and brought once-lost fish and beavers back to the river in downtown Yonkers. We're proud to be designated as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Conservation Site and look forward to a strong, continued partnership with the service and Groundwork Hudson Valley that will further connect Yonkers residents and visitors to our rivers and parks."

The Saw Mill River daylighting is a nationally recognized example of urban river restoration. The USFWS staff helped Groundwork and the city design the habitat five years ago so that fish and wildlife could thrive. The river park is now home to a wide range of species, including the American eel, river herring, turtles, mallards and threatened birds, such as the American Phoebe.

American Phoebe bird boxes were built by Groundwork's youth corps during the event for installation in the park, led by Curt Collier, deputy director of Groundwork Hudson Valley. A sign was also unveiled to officially designate the site.

"The Groundwork Green Team is helping us uncover and rediscover our very own natural gem that for too long was ignored and mistreated," said Congressman Eliot Engel. "The result is a beautiful public space the entire community can share, and an ecosystem that is cleaner and more resilient. I'm unbelievably proud of these students because they are not just caring for the environment, they are demonstrating what our community's next generation of engaged, proactive leaders can achieve."

The partnership between Yonkers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was developed over the last three years by Groundwork Hudson Valley and its award-winning youth conservation program. Youth from Yonkers are working at the Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey to improve habitat along the Wallkill River. In turn, Wallkill staff visit Yonkers to help youth improve biodiversity along the Saw Mill River and soon-to-be constructed Yonkers RailTrail.



Yonkers Election 2015 Debates

- Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Oct. 20 at 7:30 a.m. at St. John's Hospital
- CHAT Association Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Will Library
- East Yonkers Oct. 26 at 7:15 p.m. at Sarah Lawrence, LWV
- News 12– to be determined

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

CITY OF YONKERS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

JOSEPH MASSIMO, P.L.D. CORP., KEDAR PROPERTIES, LLC., NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE and JOHN DOE (said name being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon said premises),

Defendants.

Index No.: 62773/2014 Property address:

37 Saratoga Avenue, Yonkers, New York

Section 1 Block 32 Lot 24

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: JOSEPH MASSIMO

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Robert DiBella, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated September 24, 2015 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclosure on a tax lien for the property located at 37 Saratoga Avenue, Yonkers, New York. The sum of money for which judgment may be taken in case of default is \$200,977.79 including interest calculated up to and including June 30, 2014.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Westchester. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.

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#1404 10/02/2015 – 10/23/2015

Notice of Formation of MCA Realty Group LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/13/2015. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 248 New Main St., Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6670 09/18 – 10/23

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#6671 09/18 - 10/23

Notice of formation of Westchester Consulting LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/6/2015. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 25 Cedar Street #4N Yonkers, NY 10701. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Ricardo Rodriguez, 25 Cedar Street #4N Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6672 09/25 - 10/30

YoFi Fest

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delis of the early days as a meeting place for Eastern European Jews to congregate and commune over a common Yiddish language and a love of familiar food. Director Anjou said the combo of deli food and the "schmoozing" at the YOFI Fest is the perfect way to showcase and discuss the film, and the ongoing challenges to run a traditional deli in America.

YoFi Fest runs from Oct. 22 to 25 at Yonkers Riverfront Library. For more information about the four-day film lineup and activities, go to www. YoFiFest.com.

"Deli Man" is the third in Anjou's trilogy about Jewish culture, including "A Cantor's Tale" and "The Klezmatics – On Holy Ground," which have been screened at more than 200 international film festivals and have been broadcast in Israel, Canada and Poland. "Each of these films is investigating the relationship between Jewish cultural tradition and modernity," said the filmmaker.

His protagonist, Ziggy Gruber, is a thirdgeneration deli man who learned his trade in New York, was schooled in French culinary arts but eventually landed in Houston to open Kenny and Ziggy's deli. While delis once catered exclusively to Jewish palates, the film argues that those who endure have adapted by changing menus and offering lighter fare, such as salads. In the end, argues Anjou, it's always about good food.

Ziggy, dubbed the Corn Beef Messiah, is the only 26 Zagat-rated restaurant in Houston, "which means he's created such a great deli and such a great menu, non-Jews are flocking to the restaurant and that's how deli survives. You create great food, a great sandwich that you can't get anywhere else."

Indeed, the new generation of deli owners look a lot like Will Horowitz and his sister Julie, who opened up Harry and Ida's Meat and Supply Co. on Avenue A earlier this year, naming the deli after their great grandparents. The brother-and-sister team, who grew up in White Plains, started the East Village shop not to necessarily keep the American deli alive, but to resurrect much older traditions of their ancestors before food industrialization.

"New York is the spiritual homeland for deli, but we are looking at the tradition before the deli," said Will. "We don't want to wipe out tradition, but we want to relate to our story in our time, as well."

Horowitz, whose paternal grandparents came from Southern Hungary and Southern Romania, said the great cooking traditions are handed down from food survivalists, which is why the cooking techniques endure. "They hold the answer to sustainability and culinary excellence, which is preserved by the traditions of smoking, curing and pickling," he said.

Harry and Ida's also makes its own mustards, buttermilk fermented slaw and smoked eel, among other delicacies.

YoFi Fest moviegoers will have a chance to judge old-school versus 21st century notions of deli for themselves on opening night, as the event will sponsor the pastrami contest with samples from both Ben's, and Harry & Ida's, as well as Liebman's Kosher Delicatessen from the Bronx, and others

Live music from the Westchester Center for Jazz and Contemporary Music and beverages from both Yonkers Brewing Company and Nahmias et Fils will also be part of the event.

Opening night will also feature "Bleachers," a five-minute film written and produced by five Yonkers teens that won first place in the third annual Jacob Burns 24-Hour Film Challenge. The team beat out some 30 other high schoolers from the lower Hudson Valley with its winning production – from storyboard building to script writing, film direction, acting and editing – all done in a single day

YoFi Fest founders Dave Steck and Patty Schumann have curated the Yonkers film festival to showcase the independent, artistic spirit from all over the world – with local fanfare. As in previous years, the lineup includes foreign and feature films, short films, documentaries, animation, music videos and student work from emerging artists. On the schedule are educational programs with lectures, workshops and panel discussions hosted by film and television industry professionals.

Each day also has receptions and parties where attendees will get the chance to meet and network. In short, the festival offers something for everyone.

On Friday, YoFi Fest will feature a red-carpet reception with hors d'oeuvres by Chef Peter Kelly's X2O, signature cocktails from Slovenia Vodka and beer courtesy of Yonkers Brewing Company. Actor Bill Murray's award winning "St. Vincent" will be the feature film, and the film's executive producer, former Yonkers resident G. Mac Brown, will be on hand to say a few words.

After the movie, the after-party will be hosted by Zuppa restaurant on Main Street.

Starting at noon on Saturday, YoFi Doc Day begins with documentary shorts and features showcasing a wide range of subjects and styles.

The festival closes with the award-winning documentary "Homme Less," presented by The Picture House and followed by a question-and-answer session with the filmmaker and star. On Sunday, YoFi Fest will run free family films from The Brooklyn Film Festival's KidsFilmFest, and a workshops by the Jacob Burns Film Center.

The festival also includes a free screening of HBO's critically acclaimed "Show Me a Hero," an HBO miniseries based on the 1999 nonfiction book of the same name that tells the story of a contingent of Yonkers' white middle-class that resisted a federally-mandated public housing development. The miniseries was written by David Simon, who is best known for his work on "The Wire," and features actor Oscar Isaac as Yonkers' mayor Nick Wasicsko, a former police officer who as the nation's youngest big-city mayor who got tragically caught in the firestorm.

Located on the Hudson River and adjacent to New York City, YoFi Fest draws its film-friendly audiences from Manhattan, Westchester County, the Hudson Valley and the tri-state region. It is presented in part through the support of the City of Yonkers, Yonkers Film Office, Westchester County Tourism and Film, AT&T, Sound Associates, Empire City Casino, Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers Tennis Center, the Jacob Burns Film Center, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, KidsFilmFest, Sarah Lawrence College, X2O, Slovenia Vodka, Zuppa Restaurant and Lounge, Dolphin Restaurant and Lounge, 66 Main Street and Numeric Pictures.

Legal Notices

Notice of Formation of Glover Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/10/15. Office location: Westchester County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 70 Glover Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful activity.

#6682 10/16 – 11/20

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDY-MAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR12, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR12 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT JUNE 1, 2005,

V.

MELINDA ANNE ROBERTS A/K/A MELINDA ROBERTS, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 5/5/2015, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of WESTCHESTER, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR12, MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR12 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT JUNE 1, 2005, is the Plaintiff and MELINDA ANNE ROBERTS A/K/A MELINDA ROBERTS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on 11/9/2015 at 9:30am, premises known as 1348 NEPPERHAN AVE, YONKERS, NY 10703: Section 3 Block 3364 Lot 27.28:

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #2603/2010. JOSEPH G. GOUBEAUD, JR., ESQ. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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10/09/15 - 10/30/15

Seniors and Health Care

We Need to Elevate NY to A Higher Level of Safety

By Frank Spotorno

Last month I attended the 2015 National Association of Elevator Contractors' 66th annual convention and exposition in Boston. Among the many informative panel discussions, topics included the latest in technologies in the industry, basic safety standards for the elevator industry, and elevator door safety.

As I returned home to New York, I learned about another death on a New York City elevator. Eran Modan, 37, was killed in an elevator cab in a luxury apartment building in Brooklyn when the door of the elevator remained open as the elevator fell to the basement. Modan tried to climb out of the elevator as is climbed back to the lobby, crushing him to death.

The elevator is only seven years old, but had received violations in 2012 and 2013 from the New York City Buildings Department for unsafe or unreliable conditions, according to the New York Times. P&W Elevators performed the inspection test in 2013 and declined to comment.

Perhaps the reason P&W declined comment is because it employs non-union workers, who are not educated or trained in elevator inspection and repair, to make sure the elevators they maintain are refer

In May of this year, I pushed for legislation in New York State to help protect all of us who use and ride elevators every day. The bill would have required "the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, operation, inspection, maintenance, alteration and repair of elevators and other automatic people-moving devices and creates the New York State elevator safety and standards board and the elevator and related conveyances safety program account."

The State Assembly has passed this bill for many years, but once again, this common-sense

solution to an every-growing safety concern died in the NYS Senate. It was never released to the floor for a vote because the powerful real estate industry in New York City was able to use its influence, and campaign contributions, to keep the bill from a vote.

I guess the owners of buildings in NYC and elsewhere would rather save a few dollars and hire unqualified repairpersons and inspectors. It is a horrible and selfish decision, which puts their tenants, employees and visitors at risk.

Thirty states in our country require training and licensing of elevator repairpersons and inspectors, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey, as of Jan. 1, 2016. Why hasn't New York State passed this law?

I hope we don't have to wait for a major tragedy to occur before we can get this law passed.

I still know we can. Let's elevate New York to a higher level of safety.

The problems in passing this law are a symbol of the problems we have in our government today, on all levels. Nobody will step up and do what is right for the people of New York State. We can't continue to sit by on the sidelines and hope for the best

It should not be acceptable for our elected officials in Albany and Washington, D.C., to be unable to sit down and come to an agreement and a compromise on the important issues of the day.

I'm running against Chuck Schumer for U.S. Senate because we need to bring millions of manufacturing jobs back to our country. But I'm also running to make sure the people of upstate New York are no longer ignored.

Chuck Schumer is more concerned about becoming the next majority leader of the U.S. Senate. We need to elect a senator from New York who will put the interests of our state first.

Free Flu Shot Clinics in White Plains & Yonkers Westchester County Health Departations and that even healthy people with the people of the county of the people of the county of the people of the pe

The Westchester County Health Department will offer free flu shots to residents by appointment at vaccine clinics in White Plains and Yonkers this month and next month.

"Scheduling a flu shot early in the season for you and your family is a smart preventative measure to stay healthy throughout the year," said County Executive Robert Astorino.

A clinic is scheduled for Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the County Center in White Plains. To schedule an appointment, go to http://health.ny.gov/Go2Clinic and click on "Westchester," or call 914-995-7425.

Also, the first and third Fridays of the month, the health department hosts a clinic in White Plains, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (call 914-995-5800); and the second and fourth Fridays, the department hosts a clinic in Yonkers, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (call 914-231-2500).

"The sooner you get a flu shot, the longer you will benefit from it during flu season, which can last from October to May," said Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler. "It's also important to know that you need a flu shot

every year and that even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others."

Flu shots are recommended for everyone older than 6 months of age, with rare exceptions. People most at risk for complications from the flu include pregnant women, adults age 65 and older, children younger than 5, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, and anyone who has certain underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes.

To avoid spreading the flu, cough or sneeze into your elbow and wash your hands frequently with soap and water frequently. If you do get a respiratory infection, stay home until 24 hours after your fever subsides to avoid spreading your germs. Clean surfaces you touch often, such as doorknobs, water faucets, refrigerator handles and telephones; and get plenty of rest, exercise and eat healthy food.

For more health information, go to www. westchestergov.com/health, "like" the department at Facebook.com/wchealthdept and follow it on Twitter @wchealthdept.

LGBT History Month

By Julissa Javier Social Security assistant district manager, Vonkers

October is National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Month, which is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being LGBT. First celebrated in 1994 to coincide with National Coming Out Day, the month has evolved to include a more diverse range of people identifying as LGBT.

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court issued a decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, holding that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry in all states. As a result, more same-sex couples will be recognized as married for purposes of determining entitlement to Social Security benefits or eligibility for Supplemental Security Income

Since a previous Supreme Court decision in 2013, Social Security has been able to recognize some same-sex marriages and non-marital legal same-sex relationships for purposes of determining entitlement to or eligibility for benefits. We also consider same-sex marriage when processing claims for SSI, as marriage may affect your SSI eligibility or payment amount.

We're working closely with the Department of Justice to develop and implement policy and processing instructions to implement the June 26, 2015 Supreme Court decision. As we have additional information, we'll update our website and issue instructions to our staff. You can read more about important information for same-sex couples at www.socialsecurity.gov/people/same-sexcouples.

In the meantime, if you're a spouse, divorced spouse or surviving spouse of a same-sex marriage or non-marital legal same-sex relationship, we encourage you to apply right away for benefits. Applying now will preserve your filing date, which will protect you against the loss of any potential benefits.

If you have any questions about how to apply for benefits, call toll-free 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). We can answer specific questions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Generally, you'll have a shorter wait time if you call during the week after Tuesday. We treat all calls confidentially.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/people/same-sexcouples to learn more.

League of Women Voters Gears Up for Elections

While the 2016 presidential election is already making headlines, local Westchester voters are now turning their attention to the Nov. 3, 2015 election for local and countywide office – and the League of Women Voters of Westchester is working hard to provide nonpartisan information about the 235 candidates in 150 races and their positions on issues, as well as the propositions on ballots in Westchester County.

In the last few years, the LWV has updated its website, www.Vote411.org, enabling candidates to expand on their information in the traditional printed Voter's Guide and to include late-arriving information. Also as a result of advances in electronic media, local candidate forums – once limited to a live audience – are replayed on cable television and can be linked on demand from websites and Facebook.

At least 15 forums are scheduled this year

On the www.Vote411.org website, all candidates for municipal and county offices were invited by the League of Women Voters of Westchester to provide answers to questions about themselves, specific issues and their contact information. Voters then can go directly to the website, type in their address,

and see a personalized ballot with the names and information placed by the candidates. The site also gives voters their polling lo-

cations, which includes access to a map and directions.

Copies of the printed Voter's Guide, with information from the website submitted by the

print deadline, will continue to be available in libraries and other public places. Check your local media for information on League candidate forums and access to video coverage, or contact the League office at 914-949-0607.

Local Leagues in various Westchester

Local Leagues in various Westchester communities have also registered dozens of voters by setting up tables at local events, public places and college campuses.

"Voting is the most straightforward means for influencing public policy," said Marylou Green, LWVW president. "No one should minimize the importance of every ballot cast; elections have been decided by a handful of voters, or even one vote."

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots political organization with chapters throughout the 50 states. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates, but promotes informed citizen participation in government through education and advocacy. Membership is open to all citizens of voting ages.

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Disinheriting a Spouse: Rules in New York State

By James Hyer, Esq., & Andrew Frisenda, Esq. An engraving created in 1894 by the artist

An engraving created in 1894 by the artist Walter Dendy Salder called "The New Will: Everything to My Wife Absolutely!" vividly portrays an older man of wealth who has married a younger woman visiting an attorney to prepare their estate planning documents. The engraving stands for the assumption that a spouse would want to leave the other their entire estate.

In reality, this is often not the case.

There may be many reasons one spouse may decide not to leave their entire estate to the other. Perhaps one spouse is on a second or third marriage and would like to leave a portion of their assets to children from a prior marriage, or maybe the spouse is unhappy in the marriage and is considering a divorce.

While many possible scenarios exist as to why a spouse may wish to disinherit the other, New York State law provides limitations that must be considered.

For those considering disinheriting a spouse, they should know that in most cases, without a pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agreement, a surviving spouse is entitled to "elective share" - \$50,000 or one-third of the entire estate, whichever is greater; and personal property - certain personal property of the deceased spouse including housekeeping utensils, musical instruments, sewing machines, jewelry not addressed in a Will, clothing, household furniture and appliances, electronics not exceeding \$20,000 in value, the family Bible or religious books, family pictures, books, media not exceeding \$2,500, and livestock and farm supplies/equipment up to \$20,000, one automobile or a \$25,000 credit toward the purchase of the deceased spouse's vehicle, and \$25,000 in cash from financial accounts of deceased spouse.

Even if total disinheritance of a spouse is sought, absent a pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agree-

ment, or other specific situations, a spouse may not be entirely "cut out" of the other's estate, as the surviving spouse can inherit up to \$106,000. However, if the estate of the spouse creating a Will is significant, limiting the surviving spouse to only an elective share and the other mandatory distributions required by law may allow the spouse creating the Will to provide for children from a prior marriage, elderly dependent relatives, continuation of a family-owned business without interruption due to their passing, or charitable contributions.

If an individual is considering leaving less than all of their estate to their spouse, it is imperative that they have estate planning documents prepared. Without a Will, a person will be considered to have died "intestate," meaning that their estate will be distributed to their closest living relatives.

In a situation where an individual passes having no children and a surviving spouse, the surviving spouse would inherit their entire estate. If a person passes with a surviving spouse and children, the surviving spouse will inherit the first \$50,000 and half of the remainder of the estate, with the children sharing equally in the remaining half of the estate.

Unlike the Salder engraving, everything does not have to go to the wife (or the husband) following the death of a spouse. However, if limitations on the inheritance of a spouse is sought, careful estate planning is required to ensure that such goals are achieved through enforceable estate planning documents.

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press event by many of the business leaders featured in the new campaign.

"The development activity currently under way in Yonkers is unprecedented," he said. "The fact that the private sector is investing more than \$1 billion in Yonkers undoubtedly demonstrates that our city is one of the most dynamic and exciting urban centers in the tri-state region. Clearly, the Generation Yonkers campaign is resonating with the business and real estate community. The second generation of the campaign launched today will further build on the tremendous success we've enjoyed over the past year."

Here is what some of the business leaders featured in the new campaign are saying about Yonkers:

"The pro-business climate in Yonkers is remarkable; we're thrilled to be part of the economic renaissance underway in Yonkers," said Patricia Simone, president of Simone Management Group.

Simone is building the Boyce Thompson Center, a \$35 million mixed-use complex of office, medical and retail space on the site of the former Boyce Thompson Institute property in Yonkers. Even before breaking ground for the project in June, 15,000 square feet of space was already leased.

"Yonkers is on the cusp of becoming the next Hoboken or Williamsburg – it's got everything young people are looking for," noted Joe Cotter, president of iPark. Cotter's company is transforming a building in his iPark complex in Yonkers into 100 micro-unit, loft-style apartments targeted to Millonnials.

"People are rushing to Yonkers now. They're

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Xaviars on the Hudson.

Born and raised in Yonkers, Kelly has always envisioned Yonkers as a Gateway to the Hudson Valley. That vision has taken shape with his X2O waterfront restaurant where guests enjoy world-class cuisine and spectacular sunsets over the Palisades

"There is a transformation going on in Yonkers that mirrors how we transform lives through education," said Judith Huntington, president of the College of New Rochelle, School of New Resources. CNR recently opened its new School of New Resources campus on Ashburton Avenue, and is the first undergraduate degree program to be offered in downtown Yonkers.

"Yonkers has a warm community, big-city feel with good restaurants and a great waterfront," added Jairo Paredes, operations manager at Mindspark Interactive. In what was once an old factory building, Mindspark is now designing today's latest digital applications for online audiences.

"We're happy to be in Yonkers and a big part of the city's economy for the last 100 years," said Kelly DeAngelo, refinery manager at American Sugar Refining.

American Sugar Refining has more than 250 employees at its headquarters in downtown Yonkers, one-third of which comes directly from Yonkers – a city that offers a large and diverse labor pool and easy access to mass transit.

Other business leaders featured in the new campaign include Valentina Stanislavskaia, data engineer at Mindspark; Sandia Trent, business intelligence analyst at Mindspark; and Leo De La Cruz, owner of Le One Fashions.

The first phase of the Generation Yonkers campaign, which was launched in April 2014, included print and digital advertising in local and regional media as well as extensive use of social media, search engine marketing and a new website, www.generationyonkers.com. The second phase of the campaign included television spots that ran on targeted channels.

A dedicated CBS radio sponsorship was created specifically for the campaign, targeting business professionals, and ran during the CBS opening bell report, gaining extensive exposure for Yonkers throughout the tri-state area.

Since the initial launch 18 months ago, the Generation Yonkers campaign has generated nearly 5 million print impressions, 2.5 million online impressions, 35.8 million radio impressions, 2.3 million television impressions and more than 40,000 visits to its website.

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behind Costco and Home Depot. The Planning Board approved the Target project and it is now in the Real Estate Committee of the City Council. The City Council is lead agency and must give final approval. The hope is that it will be voted out of committee in October or early November, with final City Council approval to follow

of committee in October or early November, with final City Council approval to follow.

I need my cheap chic, bargain groceries, trendy clothes and all of the other products target

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get worse in a second term. Under my administration, we will stop the patronage mill, make the city's finances more transparent and cut the waste and abuse that is driving up property taxes. We must also focus on fixing our public school system.

"It's not a solution to simply go to Albany hatin-hand begging for bailouts year after year," said Nuckel.

Notably missing from the Astorino-Nu-

ckel announcement were the four Republican

City Council members, Council President Liam McLaughlin, Majority Leader John Larkin and Mike Breen and Dennis Shepherd. We see two reasons for their absence:

First, Astorino and Nuckel's accusation that Spano and the City Council have raised property

taxes too much over the past four years can be disputed. In each of Spano's city budgets, approved by the City Council, property taxes have been kept within the state-mandated property tax cap.

This has enabled Yonkers homeowners to re-

ceive a state rebate check every year. Spano, is his op-ed this week, discusses the efforts his administration has taken to control spending and minimize property tax increases.

Councilman Breen, who is seeking re-election this year, in one of his pieces of campaign literature has touted the fact that the council has worked with the mayor to keep property taxes below the tax cap.

The other reason GOP council members skipped the endorsement is the bipartisan and cooperative spirit that exists between the Republican majority on the council and the mayor.

To his credit, Spano has not shut out the other side of the aisle, but has worked with and listened to the council Republicans' requests over the past four years, not only on the city budget, but on a variety of issues – including the council redistricting plan, which basically kept the council districts the same in each of the six districts.

This spirit of cooperation should be applauded and appreciated, and used as an example for all other governments in Westchester and New York State

The other interesting irony of the race for mayor is that Nuckel is a former Democrat; he served on the Yonkers City Council in the 1980s as an elected Democrat. And Spano is a former Republican who switched parties and years ago.

Also in attendance at Nuckel's announcement were Republican council candidate in the Third District Michael Meyer, and Yonkers GOP Chairman Justin Tubiolo.

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for Yonkers. One of the largest real estate developments in recent memory will rise in downtown Yonkers, located just steps away from the Yonkers Metro-North train station and directly across from the award-winning daylighted Saw Mill River Park, as RXR Realty and Rising Development will build 25-story and 17-story residential unit towers and 40,000 square feet of ground-level retail and restaurant space.

A 442-unit high-rise will be built overlooking Van der Donck Park and within walking distance of the Yonkers train station. RXR plans to build a total of 454,000 square feet of apartment space, plus 40,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and restaurant space. The plan will also include 509 parking spaces. RXR is in discussions with the city to set aside a portion of the apartments for affordable housing.

"This will be an incredible boost for our efforts to transform downtown Yonkers," said Spano, who chairs the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency. "It will bring hundreds of new households to our downtown waterfront, providing customers for our stores, restaurants and other businesses. It seals the transformation of the Larkin Plaza area as a 24-hour community and a center of economic growth in the region."

The site currently consists of empty buildings on the south side of Van der Donck Park in Larkin Plaza. The project has already been designated a "priority project" by the state's Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Corporation, and has been awarded \$1 million in assistance from the state's Empire State Development Corporation.

The project's total cost is estimated at \$197.4 million and will take two years to build, with demolition of old properties already underway. The Yonkers IDA voted for incentives to move the project forward.

RXR is entering into a joint venture with Rising Development, which has owned the properties for several years, to carry out the plan.

"This project is expected to provide approximately 250 permanent jobs when the stores and restaurants open along with the apartments," said YIDA President Ken Jenkins. "The incentives we provide today will provide economic benefits for many years to come."

Teutonia Buena Vista – \$149 million

Located at the site of the former Teutonia Hall, an 18th century German opera hall in downtown Yonkers, Metro Partners, whose other Yonkers projects include the successful 66 Main and Trolley Barn developments, will build a 360-unit, 24-story residential tower on Buena Vista Avenue.

Fed Ex – \$121 million

Fed Ex is relocating from the Bronx to Yonkers. Demolition of existing buildings is currently underway to make way for a 123,000-square-foot regional distribution center on Tuckahoe Road, providing the company with easy access to Yonkers' network of highways, which include Interstate 87, Sprain Brook Parkway, Saw Mill River Parkway and Cross County Parkway.

Palisades Point \$115 million

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Located on Yonkers' beautiful Hudson River waterfront, the Palisades Point development will add nearly 600,000 square feet of residential space downtown. The six-story, 324-unit buildings will directly connect residents to Yonkers' river esplanade, parks and restaurants.

River Tides – \$100 million One of the largest residential developments

currently under construction in Yonkers in recent years, Ginsburg Development Companies' River Tides, is a 330-unit luxury rental complex located just a short walk from the Greyston Metro-North station. The 10-story building features a mix of studio through three-bedroom units.

Hudson River Park Club – \$85 million

The third and final phase of Collins Enterprises' successful Hudson Park residential complex, Hudson River Park Club, is a new 230,000-square-foot, 16-story downtown waterfront residential building with one- and two-story rental units.

The Boyce Thompson Center – \$35 million

Simone Development is transforming the long-abandoned Boyce Thompson Institute on North Broadway across the street from Alder Manor and the Lenoir Preserve into a modern 85,000-square-foot, mixed-use complex of offices, medical space and retail. Before even breaking ground, Simone leased 15,000 square feet to St. John's Riverside Hospital.

Seventeen other projects totaling more than \$250 million are included in the list, which can be found on the city's Generation Yonkers website, www.generationyonkers.com, which has renewed its efforts this year to promote Yonkers as an attractive location for young New Yorkers looking for an attractive and affordable place to live.

Spano's administration has worked to make it easier for developers to invest, and avoid bureaucratic roadblocks. The city has also aggressively marketed Yonkers throughout the tri-state region, and offered fair incentives for investors.

"If we don't offer incentives, others will," said Spano. "It's not just neighboring cities in New York we compete against. It's nearby states such as Connecticut and New Jersey, and sometimes even states further away in the south. Our incentive packages are often the icing on the cake that is the difference between an employer bringing jobs to Yonkers or taking them elsewhere. If nobody else offered incentives, we wouldn't either. But everybody does, so we are determined to compete so

that Yonkers comes out a winner."

Editor's note: Rising Development is the parent company of Rising Media Group and owner of Yonkers Rising newspaper.

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State will fail in their attempt to meet it.

But here in Yonkers we will again be making every possible effort to keep taxes down.

Our biggest success over the past year has been the consolidation between the Board of Education and city government. By combining non-educational functions such as personnel, purchasing, legal services and accounting, we've saved about \$10 million a year without any reduction in the quality of services.

Not only has that consolidation saved taxpayers money, but it's allowed the school district to target its dollars where they count the most – in the classrooms.

Another major factor in controlling taxes go-

Another major factor in controlling taxes going forward is improving the tax base. That's why the \$1 billion in development underway in Yonkers right now is so important. That new development, along with the jobs and sales taxes it is generating, will mean a greater property tax base in years to come. That's key to long-term control of tax rates.

In this political season there are some who criticize the incentives given to developers, but the figures indicate that for every \$1 in temporary tax incentives we've awarded, we've gotten \$500 back in new development. That's a pretty good return on investment. Even better, the development stays here, producing taxes and jobs long after the tem-

porary incentives have been phased out.

Going forward, our program to control property tax growth will consist of the following:

* Every department has to justify every dollar requested, every year. The days of carrying over a department's budget with an adjustment for inflation are long gone. We expect city departments to look at what they might eliminate or do more efficiently in order to preserve dollars for essential

* We will continue to seek opportunities to consolidate services, not just between the city and the Board of Education, but between departments within each of them. With a combined budget of about \$1 billion, you can bet there are still ways we can save dollars be eliminating duplication of services.

* We will continue to aggressively seek federal and state grants so we can provide outstanding services without straining local property taxpayers. Both the city and the School District have ramped up efforts to qualify for federal and state funding. Grants range from assisting major projects such as the downtown river daylighting project, to purchase of specialized educational materials for our students. Every dollar in grants that we qualify for is a dollar less that we have to raise from city tax-

Our success in obtaining grants is growing, and we intend to build on those efforts in the future.

The last four years have been a time of record low growth in Yonkers property taxes. That helps make our city more affordable for young people starting out, those raising families, and senior citizens enjoying their retirement.

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In short, controlling taxes is the key to our city's future. It's a mission I take seriously, and I pledge to continue every effort going forward.

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Cross County Announces 'Halloween Spooktacular'



There will be tricks, treats and lots of fun at the Cross County Shopping Center's "Halloween Spooktacular."



To add to its year-round lineup of familyfun activities, Cross County Shopping Center will host its annual Halloween Spooktacular event Friday, Oct. 23, which attracts thousands of people from throughout Westchester County and the surrounding areas.

A magic show, costume contest, trick-ortreating parade and more – such as live music and strolling characters – is what is in store for families at the event. From 5 to 8 p.m., guests can visit the mall in Yonkers to get an early start on the upcoming holiday's fun and spooky festivities.

"We are getting ready for the Halloween season with fun activities for everyone to enjoy – plus, we're so excited to have back Binx the Cat for festive 'selfies.' That was a big hit last year," said Liz Pollack, senior marketing manager. "Our events are about bringing guests to one central location to enjoy quality time, while also providing them with an opportunity to shop and dine together as a family. Many of our visitors use this event as a way to enjoy some of our new eateries, such as Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse, plus check out gift items for the up-coming holiday season, which is right around the corner."

During the event, visitors will be invited to take a picture with Binx the Cat, a 20-foot-tall inflatable black cat, and share their photo on Cross County Shopping Center's social media pages: Twitter – @ShopCrossCounty, Instagram

 CrossCountyShoppingCenter, and Facebook – CrossCountyShoppingCenter, using the hashtag #CCSCBinx.

The Halloween Spooktacular will take place on The Green at the center of the mall.

A magic show will take place 5 to 5:30 p.m., when kids can enjoy a show that combines comedy, magic and audience participation. Then from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. there will be a costume contest.

Children will be grouped by age (birth to 3 years, 4 to 6 years old, 7 to 9 years old, and 10 years and older). They will then go on stage together and judges will select their top three favorites based on the funniest, scariest and most original costume. The winners will receive a fun prize.

Note that guests over the age of 13 are not permitted to wear face masks.

A trick-or-treating parade will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Families can stop at different stations throughout the shopping center to collect treats – and a few tricks.

While the event is free, visitors should RSVP so the mall can be sure to have enough supplies on hand for everyone. Call 914-968-9571 or email dena.boyle@macerich.com. Cross County Shopping Center is located at 8000 Mall Walk, Yonkers. Parking is free.

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For more information, visit www.crosscoun-

tycenter.com.

Halloween Season in Downtown Yonkers



A Halloween pet parade is always a Yonkers BID treat.



This October, Downtown Yonkers is offering dozens of free festive events for the entire family.

For the first time, the Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District is reaching out to the entire region to participate in a pumpkin carving contest. Everyone is invited to be part of the action – just create your pumpkin masterpiece and bring it to the BID office at 15 Main St. by 4 p.m. Oct. 20, to enter. Winners are eligible for a free dinner at one of Yonkers' finest restaurants.

For families that want to craft a pumpkin creation together, join the Yonkers YMCA on Oct. 17 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. for family pumpkin painting. Supplies are limited, so get there early (donations of pumpkins are also being accepted so more families can participate). Each of the unique pumpkins will be on display at 16 Warburton Ave., from Oct. 21 to 31.

On Oct. 31 there will be many Halloween events, but one of the most notable is the Yonkers Downtown BID's Halloween pet parade. Dress your pet up (any kind of pet) for the occasion and win one of 10 different prizes. Starting at 1 p.m., the costumed pets will parade from

the Waterfront Amphitheater at 71 Water Grant St., to the Yonkers Downtown Sculpture Garden near Palisades Point.

Afterward, visit the Science Barge for music and more pumpkin painting. It is a fun, free event that any species can enjoy.

That evening, after the kids are all asleep,

That evening, after the kids are all asleep, visit Zuppa, Dolphin, Yonkers Brewing Co., or any of the other downtown Yonkers restaurants for special parties and treats.

October is also National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Join Retro Fitness for its second annual outdoor Zumba event to raise awareness for an issue that impacts so many families in the community. This free event will be held Oct. 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. Hundreds of people attended last year and thoroughly enjoyed Zumba in the streets in front of 66 Main. Join them to dance, learn about breast cancer treatments and prevention, and celebrate the community in style. If it rains, there will be an indoor location nearby.

For more details on all the events happening this October in Yonkers, including the YoFi Film Fest, Spanish Heritage Month and the Yonkers Marathon, visit www.YonkersDowntown.

Meet Mercury



Bring Mercury home today.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Mercury is a beautiful, blue-nose bulldog about 1 year old and weighing 55 pounds. She was found as a stray about a month ago and has since settled in nicely at the shelter. She loves to run and stretch her long legs, and enjoys a Fris-

bee or a tennis ball.

Mercury is affectionate and loves people.

She would be fine with older children, but would not do well in a busy, active home as she is somewhat shy and afraid of loud noises such as fireworks. She is both dog- and cat-friendly.

Visit Mercury at Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 914-377-6730 during business hours or 201-981-3215 at any time, or email lesliem147@gmail.com.

Yonkers Sports Roundup: Saunders & Gorton Football Roll



The Saunders High School Blue Devils football team.

By Phil Foley

Saunders High School football played with heavy hearts last Saturday at their home field, after losing alumnus Mike Nolan, a pitching prospect with the Oakland A's who passed away earlier in the week. (The game also marked Saunders' homecoming game and "Senior Day.")

The final score was Saunders, 39 to Riverside, 6. Senior Quarterback Richie Kirwin threw two touchdown passes and Markiece Jones ran for 111 yards and scored his sixth TD of the sea-

Gorton traveled to Long Island last Saturday, where it manhandled Long Island Lutheran 36-16. Coach Dan DeMatteo reported that it was an all-out ground assault with the rushing game pounding out 417 yards. Ian Ricketts Jr. rushed 23 times for 156 yards, and had three tackles and two sacks.

Romarch Smith had a great game, too.

He had 14 rushes for 146 yards, and two TDs (46- and 30-yard runs), and 10 tackles on defense. Rounding out the scoring were Jahkell Dunnican with a 1-yard fumble recovery TD; Anthony Smith on a 10-yard run for a TD; and Malik Jones on a 92-yard fumble recovery for

Other Football Scores were: Peekskill, 49 - Roosevelt, 0; Briarcliff, 37 - Palisade Prep, 0; and Croton-on-Hudson, 34 - Yonkers Montes-

This Saturday, Oct. 17, Riverside will play at Gorton, Roosevelt will play at Lincoln, Saunders will play at Yonkers (Roosevelt H.S. field), and Yonkers Montessori Academy will play at Pleasantville (Section One playoff game). Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

In boys' soccer, on Oct. 6, the Riverside Rams defeated the Gorton Wolves in girls' soccer 4-0. Stars of the game for the Rams were (all goal-scorers) Annemarie Heid, Melanie Siranaula, Natalie Delvalle and Falmari Rojas. Protecting the net with an excellent effort was Jackie Martinez.

On Oct. 7, Saunders defeated league opponent Gorton 1-0. Juan Mejia scored the lone goal in the 56th minute of play and Melvin Ponce recorded the first shut-out of the season for the Blue Devils.

Saunders is now 4-1 in league play, sitting in second place. Thanks to Coach Michael Denman for sending the results of the game to us at the Yonkers Rising Sports Desk.

Thanks to Coach Michael DelNegro for reporting the game results.

In girls' volleyball, on Oct. 6, Palisades Prep lost to East Ramapo in three sets, 12-25, 11-25 and 14-25. Khadijah Ibrahim had four aces, two kills and one dig, and Niya Nelson had one ace and four kills. Thanks to Coach Laura Della Rocca for sending us the results.

On Oct. 6, it was reported by Kaleigh Fair-

ley that Riverside defeated Roosevelt 3-1 in four matches. Riverside's A Ruiz had 10 kills and F Joseph had five.

On Oct. 7, it was reported by Coach Janaya Josephs that Yonkers defeated Tuckahoe, with scores of 25-6, 25-15, 20-25 (Tuckahoe) and 25-11. Stars of the games for Yonkers were Leanna Bello with seven aces, one kill and 20 assists; Nicole Frascati with two aces and 13 kills; and Amanda Marji with five aces and four kills.

On Oct. 9 it was reported that Yonkers defeated Roosevelt, 25-5, 25-13 and 25-19. The stars of the games for Yonkers were Leanna Bello with eight aces, two blocks and nine assists; Nicole Frascati with two aces, seven kills and one assist; Amanda Marji with four aces and five kills; and Stephanie Pino with six aces and

On Oct. 9 it was reported by Coach Laura Della Rocca that Palisades Prep lost to North Salem, 10-25, 5-25 and 9-25.

Papagayo Wins International Trot at Yonkers Raceway



Tim Rooney Sr., CEO of Yonkers Raceway, right, with Papagayo owners, trainer and driver Ulf

who saw Papagayo and its trainer on the front page who decided to take a chance on the horse got a 9-1 return. Timoko, from France, finished second by

best trotters from around the globe, all competing for the \$1 million purse – the highest in New a half-length in a close finish, and U.S. horse American Creatine finished third. The favorite Papagayo was driven by Ulf Ohlsson and in the race, Bee A Magician from Canada, finwas not the favorite. Readers of Yonkers Rising ished sixth.



Ohlsson, right. Photo by Donna Davis.

Congratulations to Papagayo's owners, Tom Anderson and Claes Sjolin, who praised their rider Ulf for a perfect drive. And congratulations to Yonkers Raceway CEO Tim Rooney for bringing the race back to Yonkers, and putting the city in the spotlight for visitors from six countries.

The Yonkers half-mile oval last hosted the

International Trot in 1995.

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